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AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WARRICK COUNTY, INDIANA ESTABLISHING THE PANDEMIC RELIEF FUND

WHEREAS, Indiana's Home Rule statute (Ind. Code 36-1-3, *et seq.*) grants the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County, Indiana, the power, by ordinance, to create funds that are necessary to conduct the affairs of the County;

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2021, the Warrick County Council appropriated \$1,497,326 to Fund No. 1000.31116.000.0068, a line item to be used in the discretion of the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County in ongoing efforts to respond to, and mitigate against the effects of, the novel Coronavirus 2019 ("COVID-19") throughout Warrick County;

WHEREAS, Warrick County recognizes and acknowledges the difficulties and hardships sustained by non-profit organizations within Warrick County as a result of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County has determined there is a need to establish a fund in order to provide financial relief in the form of grant monies to certain non-profit organizations within Warrick County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County desire to establish the Pandemic Relief Fund, and to allocate to said Fund a specific portion of those monies in Fund No. 1000.31116.000.0068 to provide vital financial assistance to those non-profit organizations in Warrick County who have been negatively impacted by the effects of COVID-19 on the local economy.

NOW, **THEREFORE**, **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County, Indiana as follows:

The Code of Ordinances of Warrick County, Indiana, is hereby amended to include a new Section 37.24, entitled "Pandemic Relief Fund", as follows:

- (A) The Board of Commissioners of Warrick County hereby establishes the Pandemic Relief Fund for the purpose of providing financial assistance to non-profit organizations in Warrick County in order to respond to, and mitigate against the effects of, COVID-19.
- (B) An amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be placed in the Pandemic Relief Fund from Fund No. 1000.31116.000.0068. The application of monies in the Pandemic Relief Fund shall be according to the discretion of the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County.
- (C) The Pandemic Relief Fund shall remain in effect until June 1, 2021, or until such time as the public health emergency, as declared by the Governor of the State of Indiana on March 6, 2020, expires or is otherwise rescinded,

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whichever occurs first. Following such termination of the Pandemic Relief Fund, the remaining fund balance, if any, shall revert to Fund No. 1000.31116.000.0068.

(D) Such financial assistance to non-profit organizations from the Pandemic Relief Fund shall be in the form of grant awards to each approved non-profit organization, in amounts to be determined by the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County. Warrick County shall enter into a grant agreement with each non-profit organization that is provided financial assistance from the Pandemic Relief Fund, which shall specify that said non-profit organization's use of such monies may be audited by Warrick County. The Board of Commissioners of Warrick may, from time to time, adopt other rules and procedures regarding the administration and/or provision of any financial assistance to non-profit organizations from the Pandemic Relief Fund.

This Ordinance shall be effective upon passage.

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Passed and adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County, Indiana, this 8^{th} day of February, 2021.

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